

## Request for City Council Committee Action From the City Attorney's Office

Date:

June 23, 2015

|   | To:  | Council Member John Quincy, Chair of Ways & Means  |  |  |
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|   | Subject:   | Claims of:   | Ulysses Bridges Lugine Miller Roosevelt Johnson Teddy Lawrence Roark |  |
|   | payment of: from Fund/O  | Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlements of these four claims by ayment of: \$11,000.00 payable to Ulysses Bridges and his attorneys, Paige J. Donnelly, Ltd., \$19,000.00 payable to Lugine Miller and his attorneys, Paige J. Donnelly, Ltd., \$14,000.00 payable to Roosevelt Johnson and his attorneys, Paige J. Donnelly, Ltd., \$7,000.00 payable to Teddy Lawrence Roark and his attorneys, Paige J. Donnelly, Ltd., rom Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400, and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute my documents necessary to effectuate these settlements. |  |  |
| -   | Prepared by: Thomas J. Miller Phone: (612) 673-2897  Approved by: Susan L. Segal City Attorney |  |  |  |
| Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney   |  |  |  |  |
| Financial Impact: (Check those that apply)  No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).  Action requires an appropriation increase to the Conital Budget or |  |  |  |  |
|   | Operatin   | Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget.  Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.  Action requires use of contingency or reserves.  Business Plan: Action is within the plan Action requires a change to plan  |  |  |
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|   | Business   |  |  |  |
|   | <u>X</u> Other fir   | X Other financial impact (Explain): \$51,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400  |  |  |
|   | Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.   |  |  |  |
| Community Impact: Other   |  |  | Other  |  |

## **Background/Supporting Information:**

These four claims arise out of a single motor vehicle accident that occurred on March 6, 2013, when driver Ulysses Bridges' vehicle was struck by a City of Minneapolis police squad. Mr. Bridges had three passengers that included Lugine Miller, Roosevelt Johnson and Teddy Lawrence Roark. All four occupants made claims.

Both vehicles were moderately damaged. Mr. Bridges, Mr. Miller, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Roark suffered injuries and incurred treatment expenses in excess of \$11,565.00, \$17,758.25, \$15,010.00 and \$14,593.05 respectively. Mr. Roark also claims \$2,870.00 in replacement services expenses. They all continue to suffer difficulties as a result of their injuries.

Plaintiff's demands were for \$46,500.00(Bridges), \$45,000.00(Miller), \$45,000.00(Johnson) and \$45,000.00(Roark). Following mediations of all four claims with their attorney, we have reached tentative settlements of all four personal injury claims against the City in the amounts of \$11,000.00(Bridges), \$19,000.00(Miller), \$14,000.00(Johnson) and \$7,000.00(Roark). These proposed settlements have been discussed with the Police Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that these settlements are in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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